Promotion of ISM

†2257. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of amount being spent by Government for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) In order to promote the Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy, the Government in 1995 established an independent Department of ISM&H in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Department of ISM&H has already implemented schemes for the development and cultivation of medicinal plants, preparation of agrotechniques, upgradation of undergraduate/postgraduate institutions, standardisation of drugs, encouraging intra-mural & extra mural research and dissemination of information through information, education and communication (IEC).

(c) The budget allocation of ISM&H Plan & Non-Plan for the year 2002-2003 is Rs. 200.86 crores which is 2.27% of the total budget allocation for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Use of ISM

†2258. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is again a need to bring in practice the Indian Systems of Medicine and health care;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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